Meeting and greeting

It is a delight to walk around the playground and watch our students interact. They demonstrate a great respect for each other and it is lovely to see the senior students take such good care of our younger students. Children demonstrate excellent manners and show consideration for others. It is reassuring to see these qualities in our future leaders. Well done!

Congratulations to students Rosie Hogan and Adam Walker who participated in regional PSSA soccer try outs last week. Well done to Eli Gambley who also attended and was selected in the North Coast team to play at the State carnival – a tremendous achievement.

I’m sure our Y6 students attending the GRIP leadership conference tomorrow will enjoy the day and be wonderful ambassadors for our school. Year 4, 5 and 6 students will also be visiting Kadina High School on Friday to participate in an NRL anti-bullying presentation.

Over the past week I have met many parent helpers who are an integral part of our school. These helpers provide essential assistance with transport, sport, reading and a huge variety of programs for our students. As our students’ welfare is always our highest priority, all helpers must complete a “Working with Children Check” as part of the DEC policy. We gladly welcome any new parents and community members who would like to assist in the school. If you are interested, drop in and see Mrs Cooper about this process and how you may be able to assist.

We would like to pass on our appreciation to all our current helpers who do a wonderful job.

Our Mother’s Day Stall will be held on Friday. P & C have provided a range of gifts for mothers and carers. Thank you to the P & C for organising this.

A reminder that there is only 3 weeks remaining until the next P & C meeting and we must have a new President to enable the P & C to continue. You will be well supported!

NAPLAN for Year 3 and 5 will be held on 14th, 15th, 16th May. Students were provided with a practice run this week to ensure students are aware of procedures and do not feel anxious about the tests.

It is important that parents also view NAPLAN as one aspect of their child’s assessment. Other strategies such as
teacher observation and ongoing class activities and assessment provide a true picture of how your child is progressing.

While NAPLAN is an excellent diagnostic tool for teachers to provide programs for individuals and cohorts while providing information to parents, it should be seen as one part of your child’s educational program. Should you require further information regarding the test, please speak to your child’s teacher or myself. We have also placed a parent information booklet on our website I will be presenting a brief information evening on Wednesday 15th May at 5:30 – 6pm for any parents and carers of Y6 students. All teachers will hold Parent /Teacher interviews in the last week of this term. More details later in the term.

Michelle Slee
Relieving Principal

Assembly
Our first assembly for Term 2 is Friday 10 May when the K/1 class will be performing an item. All families are invited to attend.

First North District Cross Country
The district cross country was run today and we were blessed with gorgeous weather. Although Rosebank School co-ordinated the day, a huge thank you goes to Mr Priestley and Mr McDonogh (our current groundsman) for preparing the course and setting up.

Music
Fees for Term 2 are now due and prompt payment would be appreciated. Remember you can use EFTPOS or pay by credit card over the phone if you cannot make it into school.

Combined Choir
Students who have indicated that they wish to join the Combined Small Schools Choir will have their first practice session next Monday 13 May from 2-3 pm at Clunes School. All students participating need to have returned their note and paid the $10 levy for the CD and song book. Students in the choir will be performing at the Lismore Performing Arts Festival in August this year.

Dance Lessons
Students in Years 5 and 6 have the opportunity to be involved in a dance item for the Performing Arts Festival. Mrs McKay has spoken with the students and those interested have been provided with a note containing all relevant information. Please ensure the consent note (and the $30 payment) are returned to school by 24 May.

Mother’s Day stall on Friday 10 May for students to purchase gifts

NAPLAN
For information about the upcoming NAPLAN tests for students in Years 3 and 5, go to the link on our school website.

Stewart House Donation Drive
A reminder that If you make a gold coin donation you are entered into the draw for a $4000 family holiday. Donations need to be returned to school by Friday 17 May so that envelopes can be returned to Stewart House in plenty of time for the prize draw on Friday 24 May.

Book Club
Book club brochures have been distributed to students today. Orders and payment need to be returned to school by Wednesday 15 May.

Notes due back
Dance Lessons (Years 5 and 6) due 24 May
Choir Participation (selected students) due NOW

P & C news

URGENT URGENT URGENT
The P & C Committee needs your help. We desperately need a President and a Vice President to continue our good work for the school. We only have one more meeting left and then we have to dissolve. The P & C Association Rules state that "...where the association is dissolved minute books, audited accounts and other records, together with the residue of funds, shall be given to a kindred organisation or the Department of Education as determined by a resolution of members."

We do not want to do this, so we are begging someone to come forward and help us out. Please Help Us!!!!

The P & C Team

Lamington and pie drive fundraiser
Thank you to all the families that have returned their forms and money so promptly. If there are any more orders please return your form and money to the school ASAP as we are finalizing the totals this weekend. Thank you.

Uniform sales
For uniform purchases please email Sacha Cole on smurcho@gmail.com. Sacha has taken on the role of uniform co-ordinator for this year. We would like to thank Sharon Howard for her efforts over the last couple of years in this position.

COOSH News
We’ve been having a great time this week playing with our new badminton equipment! We have some star players in our midst! One day, the children all helped make delicious chocolate chip cookies (after their healthy
We are an accredited Waste Wise Ways School

Student Banking
The Dollarmites have found some amazing treasure on Savings Adventure Island and both your child and school could win a share of it in Term 2 just by saving. First prize is a $5,000 family adventure holiday to anywhere in Australia, with $500 spending money. Plus, the winning student’s school will also receive $5,000 to spend as they wish. What’s more, there are 25 Runners-up Kid’s Adventure Packs, worth over $700 each, to be won. Each adventure pack includes a Wii U, night vision goggles, a waterproof camera, walkie talkies and a Razor eSpark electric scooter!
For your chance to win, students need to simply make three or more School Banking deposits during Term 2. To find out more, talk to your School Banking Co-ordinator or visit commbank.com.au/adventureisland


Why is breakfast important?
- children who miss breakfast are often reported as having poor behaviour and poor concentration
- children who miss breakfast are often unable to meet their daily nutrient requirements
- children who miss breakfast are more likely to have a greater risk of being overweight or obese
- eating breakfast helps children learn and establish healthy eating habits early in life.

Quick and easy breakfast ideas:
Make sure your child starts every school day with a nutritious breakfast that includes foods from at least two of the five food groups. For example
- wholegrain cereal with reduced-fat milk
- fruit smoothie
- boiled eggs and toast slices of fruit with yoghurt
- raisin toast with sliced banana, muesli, chopped fruit and yoghurt

Woolworths Earn and Learn
Remember to collect your Earn and Learn stickers when you go through the check out at Woolworths. Last year we earned enough points for lots of board games, puzzles, Art resources and much more so it is worthwhile.

Alstonville PS Opportunity Class 2014
Opportunity Class placement provides intellectual stimulation and an educationally enriched environment for academically gifted and talented children.
Alstonville PS has an Opportunity Class for Year 5 and 6 students.
Applications for Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2014 are now invited from parents of Year 4 students.
Enquires about application procedures should be directed to the Principal at Alstonville PS on 66280775 or the High Performing Students Unit on 1300 880 367.
Alternatively parents can apply online by going to the following website: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement
Applications close Friday 17 May 2013

Happy Mothers’ Day
to all our mums, step-mums, grandmothers, aunts and carers